**Commercial use of land encroached at Airports**

3054. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently taken initiatives to make the commercial use of encroached land at major airports in the country;

(b) if so, whether most of the airports in the country run by AAI are not profit earning;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the extent to which the commercial use of encroached land at major airports will be helpful in making the loss suffering airports viable?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Government has taken initiatives to clear encroachments of land at some of the major airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI). The excess land will be utilised for commercial purpose after removal of encroachment and meeting operational requirements and other developmental activities.

(b) to (d) At majority of the airports, because of lack of flights, there is little aeronautical revenue and very limited scope for earning non-aeronautical revenue. However, considerable expenditure has to be incurred to maintain the infrastructure required for airport. As a result, these airports are loss-making. Use of the encroached land for commercial purpose will help to recover a portion of the operational cost and hence, will reduce losses.

**Increase of IA flights for Gulf Countries**

†3055. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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